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SUBJECT: DETENTE

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1. AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) RAISED WITH MCAULIFFE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPTEMBER 19 STATEMENT BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON EAST-WEST DETENTE. HE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SUBJECT AND BELIEVES NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL SHOULD ADDRESS ISSUE FORMALLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. MISSION RECALLS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS JULY 4 BRIEFING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE MOSCOW SUMMIT (REFTEL) NOTED CERTAIN CONCERN BY THE ALLIES OVER THE COURSE OF US-SOVIET DETENTE RELATIONS AND SAID THAT THERE WAS NO REMEDY FOR THIS, EXCEPT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION BY THE US SO THAT ALLIES WILL UNDERSTAND US PRECEPTIONS.

3. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES TO THE SYG AND PERMREPS WITH A VIEW TO ANY EARLY COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

4. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON NAC DISCUSSION OF DETENTE ISSUE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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